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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 6.)

EF: A) SEOUL 7759; B) STATE 228491

1. DURING CALL BY AMBASSADOR, PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY GENERAL KIM CHONG YOM, RAISED SAUDI-ARABIAN DEMAND THAT ROK ISSUE STATEMENT FAVORABLE TO ARAB SIDE (REF A).

2. KIM WENT INTO GREATER DETAIL ON SAUDI-ARABIAN DEMAND THAN WAS REPORTED REF A. ACCORDING KIM THE SAUDIS HAVE DEMANDED THAT ROKG ISSUE STATEMENT CONTAINING FOLLOWING FIVE POINTS:

A) ROKG DENUNCIATION OF USE OF FORCE TO GAIN TERRITORIES (OBVIOUSLY AS APPLIED TO ISRAEL).

B) SUPPORT FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

C) ENDORSEMENT OF THE POSITION THAT THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE MUST BE PROTECTED.

D) SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL OF THE NATIONS OF THE AREA WITHIN SECURE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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RECOGNIZED BORDERS.

E) STATEMENT THAT, IF ISRAEL DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE POINTS, THE ROKG WILL RECONSIDER ITS RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

3. KIM SAID SAUDIS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ROKG MAKE ABOVE STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF ARAB POSITION IMMEDIATELY, AND BEFORE THE JAPANESE ANNOUNCE THEIR POSITION.

4. KIM SAID THAT, SPEAKING FRANKLY, THE ROKG HAS CLEAR SYMPATHY FOR, AND WOULD WISH TO SUPPORT, ISRAEL. SIMILARLY, THE ROKG WISHES TO DO NOTHING WHICH WOULD COMPLICATE US EFFORTS TO SECURE A LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA. HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT IS NOW FACED WITH MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL PRESSURE TO MAKE STATEMENT AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IN FAVOR OF ARABS. CONSEQUENTLY, ROKG NEEDS US VIEWS ON MATTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH KIM TOOK PLACE BEFORE REF B WAS RECEIVED. IN VIEW OF DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF WHAT SAUDIS WANT IN ROKG STATEMENT, WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST ANY FURTHER DEPARTMENT VIEWS WHICH WE COULD CONVEY TO ROKG.

6. DCM HAS DISCUSSED DEPARTMENT'S POSITION DESCRIBED IN REF B WITH MOFA, INDICATING THAT WE HAVE ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT AS RESULT OF KIM'S DEMARCHE. ASST MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS KIM CHUNG TAE, AMPLIFYING BACKGROUND OF SAUDI-ARABIAN REQUEST, SAID ARTICLE APPEARED IN BEIRUT NEWSPAPER ALLEGING ROK ABOUT TO ISSUE STATEMENT BACKING ISRAEL AND OFFERING TO PROVIDE MILITARY ASSISTANCE. ROK AMBASSADOR IN JIDDA DENIED THIS, POINTING TO GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN ROK AND SAUDI-ARABIA AND KOREA'S EVEN-HANDED POSITION ON THE MID-EAST WAR. SAUDIS REPLIED THAT IF BEIRUT STORY UNTRUE, ROKG SHOULD NOT OBJECT TO FORTHRIGHT PUBLIC STATEMENT OF ROK POSITION.

7. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH WE MIGHT PASS TO KOREANS ON WHAT JAPANESE INTENTIONS ARE. ROKG NOW FEELS UNDER HEAVY ARAB PRESSURE AND WILL BE CLEARLY INFLUENCED BY JAPANESE APPROACH TO PROBLEM.

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